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MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

A. B. Smith.....Ellistown, M
J. D. Barton.....Saltillo, "
J. L. Turnage.....Saltillo, "
B. F. Whitten.....Poplar Springs, "
R. O. Beene.....Sherman, "
S. G. Cooper.....Tupelo, "
W. L. Pully.....Blue Springs, "
A. J. Osborn.....Pueblo, "
J. C. Reynolds.....Pueblo, "
S. D. Shelton.....Ellistown, "
F. M. Archer.....Corona, "

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LICENTIATES.

H. W. Lamkip.....Poplar Springs, Mis
Thos. A. Beasley.....Wallerville, "
I. G. Randolph.....Graham, "
C. A. Loveless.....Ellistown, "
John Darlin.....Blue Springs, "

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EXECUTIVE BOARD.

CHURCHES.

Camp Creek, Sanders Stokes.
Guntown, J. R. Bristoe.
Blue Springs, J. R. Bristoe.
Uclatubba, W. P. Hunter.
New Prospect, Jasper Bryant.
Locust Hill, J. I. Wade.
Birmingham, W. J. Keys.
Long View, John Russel.
Pilgrims Rest, J. D. Brown.
Pleasant Valley, D. Shelton.

CHURCHES.

Pleasant Ridge, J. K. Guyton.
Saltillo, W. T. Parks.
Poplar Springs, B. F. Whitten.
Zion Hill, W. R. Korder.
Hebron, T. E. Richie.
Mt. Gillead, Thos. A. Beasley.
Oak Hill, W. R. Campbell.
Tupelo, W. H. Berry.
Sherman, W. H. Witt.
Zion, S. R. Lowry.

Mod. J D Barton Salti
Clerc J. M. Smith Poplar

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The West Judson Association met in its Seventh session with the Zion Hill Baptist church, September 1, 1891. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. O. Beene at 11 o'clock. Text 2nd verse, 3rd chapter of Matthew. "Repent ye, therefore, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." After which meeting adjourned one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called together by singing. Former Moderator in the chair Read 2nd chapter, 2nd Peter. Prayer by Elder J. D. Barton.

Then the Association proceeded to a permanent organization by appointing Brethren D. C. Langston and John McElroy to read letters from the various churches composing this Association.

On motion Bro. G. M. Philips, from Tupelo, was recognized as a delegate without having a letter.

Called for petitionary letters, when Blue Springs Baptist church petitioned this body for admittance by letter and delegates, and upon motion was received. Right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator, then proceeded to ballot for permanent officers. Brethren J. I. Wade, J. N. Davis and A. C. Vandiver were appointed to ascertain the votes cast for the officers and reported the choice as followes:

Elder J. D. Barton, Moderator; J. M. Smith, Clerk; G. M. Philips, Treasurer.

Moderater elect, after asking Divine aid in an earnest prayer, proceeded to appoint the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises—W. S. Greer, W. H. Lyon, A. T. Golden with the pastor and deacons of the Baptist church at this place.

On Arrangements—Brethren John McElroy, B
Whitten and W. L. Parham, who retired and
brought in the following report:

1. Call for petitionary letter.
2. Call for correspondents.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
4. Report on Foreign Missions.
5. Report on State Missions.
6. Report on Home Missions.
7. Report on Associational Missions
8. Report on Sunday Schools.
9. Documents.
10. Finance.
11. Obituary.
12. Appoint Correspondents.
13. Place of holding the next Association.
14. Minister to preach the next Introductory S
mon.
15. Resolutions.
16. Church Decipline.
17. To adjourn.

On motion, of B. F. Whitten the regular order
business was suspended and place of meeting of t
next Association selected, Guntown, Lee county, Mis
being the choice.

Resumed the regular order of business, the Moder
tor appointing the following committees:

On Foreign Missions—Elders B. F. Whitten, A.
Smith and A. G. Randle.

On Home Missions—Brethren T. E. Richie, W. H
Lyon; Elder J. T. Pitts to assist.

On State Missions—Elders A. B. Smith, R. O
Beene and D. C. Langston.

On Associational Missions—Elders J. T. Pitts, A. B
Smith and T. E. Richie.

On Sunday Schools—Brethren D. C. Langston. A. F
Golden and J. R. Bristoe.

On Documents—Elders R. O. Beene, B. F. Whitten
and J. I. Wade.

On Finance—Brethren W. R. Dunlap, W. R. Hampton, A. G. Randle and R. G. Kelly.

On Church Discipline—Brethren Thos. A. Beasley and John McElroy.

On Obituaries—Brethren Sanders Stokes, W. R. Dunlap, Jasper Bryant and T. M. Stegall.

Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following partial report:

That Elder B. F. Whitten preach at this place to-night and J. T. Pitts to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Called for Correspondents. Received and welcomed from Chickasaw Association Elder J. T. Pitts and Bro. Samuel Tucker.

Tishomingo Association—Elder A. J. Vandiver.

Body adjourned to 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. Benediction by Elder J. T. Pitts.

Preaching at night by Elder B. F. Whitten.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Association called together by singing "How firm a foundation." Moderator read 4th Pslam of David; led in prayer by A. C. Vandiver and J. D. Burton.

Call for Correspondents. Elder J. T. Christian, Corresponding Secretary of the State Board, repesented all its interests as healthy. Received.

The Association appointed corresponding messengers to following Associations:

Tishomingo Association——Brethren Sanders Stokes, A. B. Smith, D. Morgan and W. R. Hampton.

Judson Association—W. R. Hampton, M. L. Parham, G. M. Phillips, J. R. Bristoe, W. P. Hunter and J. W. Barren.

Chickasaw Association—Elder B. F. Whitten and A. B. Smith.

Aberdeen Association—Elder S. G. Cooper.

Report on State Mission received, but reading deferred till 1:30 p. m.

Elders B. F. Whitten presented and read report on Foreign Missions as follows:

Your committee on Foreign Missions regret to say that through the Foreign Mission work under the wise direction of the Fereign Mission Board for the past year has been quite an encouraging success, yet we, as an Association, had but little part or lot in the matter. Brethren, for Christ's sake let us get in line with this great missionary movement, and in keeping with our great commission. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel of the blessed Christ.

We would urge the pastors to take up collections in their respective churches in answer to the call of the Foreign Mission Board, and that the Foreign Mission Journal be circulated in as many homes as possible. We believe the great work of Foreign Missions can be wonderfully stimulated by reading the Foreign Mission Journal.

After addresses by Brethren B. F. Whitten, T. R. Atkins and R. O. Beene, report adopted as read.

Association susponded the regular order of business to hear Elder J. T. Christian on the great subject of missions, especially urging this Association to double their contributions this great centennial year of missions.

Resumed the regular order of business, and took up report on Sunday Schools presented and read by Bro. D. E. Langston.

Report on Sunday Schools.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report:

While there are many churches in our Association that are not blessed with the influence of a Sunday School, yet there are in the bounds of our Association some thriving Sunday schools, and wherever one is found its influence for good is potent and we hope the day may speedily come when the powerful influence of a Sunday school may be felt in every household, and they become lovers of the Sunday school work.

We beg the brethren of our Association to do their utmost to build an evergreen Sunday school in every church in this Association, using pure Baptist literature, then our churches will be more prosperous and many precious souls will be won for Christ, for the Bible is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

D. C. LANGSTON, Chairman.

Addresses made by D. E. Langston, J. T. Pitts, J. M. Rice and others and report adopted as read.

Hour for preaching. The Association adjourned to hear Elder J. T. Pitts, taking for his theme the subject of Prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at the appointed hour, led in prayer by J. I. Z. Franklin.

According to special order, the report on State Missions was read. Brother J. T. Christian setting forth the mission work in our State received responses from several that they would help in the State Mission work.

Report on State Missions.

This work has in charge the preaching of the gospel in the State, in weak and destitute fields. There is very much to do. The Board is striving to fill every place that needs help as far as possible.

The work of the Board has been very prosperous during the past year. Sixty missionaries have been in the field and have labored with success. It is hoped that this Association will join in this great work. We must begin at home, and then preach the gospel over the whole world.

A. B. SMITH, Chm'n. Committee.

S. W. Stokes presented and Association adopted

Report on Obituaries.

We beg leave to report: From the best information we can get, the following brethren and sisters have died since our last Association:

Camp Creek Church—Deacon A. J. Conaway, Sister Mary A. Clannake.

New Prospect—Brother B. E. Morgan, Sister Charlotte Gibson.

Hebron—Brother A. B. Crenshaw.

Pleasant Ridge—Sister Louisa Lindsey.

Pleasant Valley—Brethren W. C. Ward and John Shelton.

Others have died, but your Committee has failed to get their names.

W. S. STOKES, Chairman.

Report on Finance.

W. R. Dunlap read the Report on Finance, which was adopted:

To amount sent up for minutes from the following churches:

CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.
Blue Springs	$ 1 20
Birmingham	35
Camp Creek	1 75
Clayton Ridge	50
Guntown	1 60
Hebron	80
Locust Hill	2 00
Long View	2 00
Mount Gillead	90
New Prospect	1 00
Oak Hill	45
Pleasant Ridge	1 35
Poplar Springs	50
Pilgrims Rest	50
Pleasant Valley	50
Saltillo	1 53
Sherman	2 00
Tupelo	1 50
Uclatubba	1 75
Zion	55
Zion Hill	1 20
By Clerk	75
Total	$22 03

W. R. DUNLAP, Chairman.

Elder A. B. Smith was appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, Thos. A. Beasley, Alternate.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 o'clock, Thursday morning. Benediction by Elder B. F. Whitten.

NIGHT SESSION.

Brother J. T. Randolph preached at night from text: John, 10:14. "I am the good Shepherd and know my sheep, and am known of mine."

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Association re-assembled at 8:30 o'clock. Moderator read the first and second verses of the 5th chapter of Ephesians. Led in prayer by B. F. Whitten.

Called for Report on Church Discipline. Read by Brother Thomas Beasley, and discussed by several brethren, and, upon motion of Elder A. B. Smith, was tabled.

Elder J. T. Pitts read the following report on

Home Missions.

The territory is the Indians, the negro, the South and Cuba. The Board controlling this work is located at Atlanta, Ga..

Last year the Board received about five thousand dollars from this State, and work among the Indians has met with some success. The great need among those people is more men, women and money. Then, as to the negro of the South, if we don't enlighten him, some one else will, and we are of the opinion that everything considered, it would be best for us to do that work.

As to the work in Cuba, it is a great work. Brother Dias is at work there. He meets with much opposition. Sometimes in prison, and sometimes out. Brethren, pray for this dear brother and the Home Board.

J. T. PITTS,
W. H. LYON,
T. E. RICHIE,
Committee.

The report was then discussed by Elders J. T. Pitts, R. O. Beene, B. F. Whitten, and Brother J. M. Rice and adopted as read.

The following was adopted as the report

On Documents.

Your Committee on Documents would recommend that our people should urge the reading of our denominational literature, and as a selection would refer to the Southern Baptist Record, the Foreign and Home Mission Journals, Kind Words, together with other such periodicals as will set forth the doctrine of the Bible.

UNION MEETING.

The next union meeting of this Association will be held with the Sherman Baptist church, commencing on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in July, A. D. 1892. The programme for the meeting is as follows:

1. Introductory Sermon—Elder B. F. Whitten. Thos. A. Beasley, Alternate.

2. Will the neglect of preaching the gospel delay the second coming of Christ?—J. D. Barton.

3. Development of the church—S. H. Stokes.

4. Is there any law for going in the next dispensation?—R. O. Beene.

5. Can the heathen be saved without the gospel?—T. M. Archer.

6. The evidence of Christianity.—R. P. Kelly.

7. Will there be a general judgement?—T. A. J. Beasley.

8. What is the sin against the Holy Ghost?—D. H. Langston.

R. O. BEENE, Chairman.

Pending discussion, the Moderator appointed Brother J. I. Wade to represent and take subscriptions for the Home Field. Subscribers, 31. Brother T. R. Atkins was appointed to represent the Foreign Mission Journal and received 26 subscriptions.

Association adjourned for preaching. Brother Thos. A. Beasley occupying the stand, took for his text II. Peter, 1:5-8. Theme, the Christian Graces. The sermon was delivered to a large audience of people. Prayer was offered by J. T. Pitts.

THIRD DAY—Evening Session.

The Association re-assembled at 1:30 o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

Brother J. I. Wade presented his report as Treasurer of the Executive Board of this Association.

Treasurer of Exective Board Report.

Brethren : I, as Treasurer of your Board beg leave to report that I have received from the various churches composing this Association up to date $200.00, which amount I have turned over to our Missionary, taking his vouchers for the same.

We find we are still indebted to our Missionary $200. Brethren, this is a bonafide and solemn contract, entered into by the different churches of this Association, that they would pay a missionary $400.00 to visit and indoctrinate them. His part of the contract being complied with, now let us, as true christians and honest people, use all our energy to comply with our part of the contract, by taking this matter home to our several churches and endoavor to raise the means as soon as possible to liquidate this debt, in which we ask the aid of the entire membership of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
JESSIE I. WADE, Chairman.

The above report was received in lieu of one on Associational Missions. After some discussion as to plans for raising money to pay off the missionary, the report was adopted.

Association appointed corresponding messengers as follows:

To Southern Baptist Convention—Elder J. D. Barton.
To Louisiana State Convention—Elder S. G. Cooper.

RESOLUTIONS.

1st. That the thanks of this Association be offered to this church, vicinity and neighborhood generally, for their kind hospitality to us during our stay among them. Carried.

G. M. PHILIPS.

2nd. That the Clerk be allowed $7.50 for his services, out of the minute fund of this Association. Carried.

Roll of delegates was called and corrected. Upon motion of W. R. Hampton, the Executive Board of this Association was continued another year.

Brother G. M. Philips presented his annual report, which was adopted.

Treasurer's Report.

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To amount on hand last Association	$10 80
To amount paid minute fund	21 28
To amount paid by Uclatubba church for Missions	1 50
Total	$33 58

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By Brother Tupper's Receipt	$10 80	
By J. T. Christian's Receipt	1 50	
By J. M. Smith, Clerk	21 28	
Total		$33 58

September 2, 1891.

J. M. PHILLIPS, Treasurer.

Thus closed the Seventh Session of the West Judson Association, which adjourned to meet with the Guntown Baptist church, on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, on Tuesday before the first Sunday in September, A. D., 1892.

Sang "How firm a foundation," and extended the parting hand.

J. D. BARTON, Moderator.

J. M. SMITH, Clerk.

P. S. To the churches: Brethren, let your letters to the Association show up all contributions for the past year. Only three churches, this year, report anything done. Let our minutes show what we are doing.

CLERK.

C M
1.50

F M
10.80

Miss
21.28

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES.	PASTOR.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES
Birmingham	J. L. Turnage	Birmingham	T. Tanner, W. H. Blackwell
Camp Creek	J. L. Turnage	Corona	S. W. Stokes, G. W. Epting
Blue Springs	J. L. Turnage	Blue Springs	T. R. Atkins, A. F. Golden W.
Clayton Ridge	W. A. Rodgers	Pontotoc	T. J. Warren, T. L. Wooten. W
Guntown	R. A. Rampley	Guntown	J. R. Bristoe, J. M. Rice, S. M.
Hebron	A. B. Smith	Blue Springs	W. L. D. Roberts, T. E. Richie
Locust Hill	J. H. Jinkins	Sherman	J. I. Wade
Long View	W. A. Rodgers	Cedar Grove	
Mount Gillead	I. Smith	Wallerville	T. A. J. Beasley, J. T. Reid, J.
New Prospect	A. B. Smith	Ellistown	A. B. Smith, Jasper Bryant, C
Oak Hill	J. R. Sumner	Cherry Creek	H. P. Milam, T. M. Stegall, J
Pleasant Ridge	A. C. Vandiver	Graham	J. P. Randolph, M. B. Willian
Poplar Springs	B. F. Whitten	Poplar Springs	B. F. Whitten, J. I. G. Franklin
Pilgrim's Rest	R. O. Beene	Tupelo	R. O. Beene, Y. Powell, W. S.
Pleasant Valley	J. H. Jinkins	Chesterville	
Saltillo	J. L. Turnage	Saltillo	J. D. Barton
Sherman	J. L. Turnage	Sherman	D. C. Langston, R. P. Kelly
Tupelo	S. G. Cooper	Tupelo	G. M. Philips
Uclatubba	S. D. Chapman	Saltillo	W. R. Hampton
Zion	J. T. Pitts	Pueblo	W. H. Lyon
Zion Hill	A. C. Vandiver	Lanox	A. G. Randle, W. P. Smith, J.
21 Total			

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CLERK.

C M 1.50 F M 18.80 Mess 21.28

AL TABLE.

NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptised.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dismissed by letter.	Died.	Total.	DAY OF MEETING.
kwell	24	..	1	..	8	..	90	First Sunday
pting	17	1	2	2	..	2	131	First Sunday
lden W. G. Davis	3	3	..	..	..	..	20	Fourth Sunday
ooten. W. N. Clayton	....	6	..	..	..	..	35	First Sunday
e, S. M. Parham	6	3	1	1	2	..	38	Third Sunday
E. Richie	9	1	..	1	..	1	79	Second Sunday
	....	3	4	..	5	..	149	First Sunday
	....	..	..	..	..	..	96	
Reid, J. A. Sanders	19	7	..	..	5	..	136	Third Sunday
yant, C. A. Loveless	....	4	..	..	9	2	96	First Sunday
egall, James Brown	4	8	..	1	3	2	143	Third Sunday
Williams, J. T. Gentry and A. W. Jackson.	28	2	4	..	4	1	238	First Sunday
Franklin, J. M. Smith	....	7	2	1	20	1	148	Fourth Sunday
ll, W. S. Green	....	..	..	..	..	..	29	Third Sunday
	9	6	..	..	6	2	68	Fourth Sunday
	8	..	..	1	10	1	55	Third Sunday
	....	25	..	..	5	..	98	Third Sunday
Kelly	15	5	..	..	..	..	65	Second Sunday
	10	1	..	3	1	..	58	First Sunday
	....	1	..	..	..	..	156	Second Sunday
	5	1	..	1	10	4	94	Second Sunday
Smith, J. D. Green								
	157	84	14	11	88	16	2132	